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Classified By: Ambassador Ryan C. Crocker, Reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

[1](#)1. (C) At a June 19 lunch with Director General of the MFA Khalid Mahmood, Ambassador raised Ref A points regarding the possibility of highly politicized statements and resolutions regarding Israel at the initial session of the Human Rights Council (HRC) in Geneva. Mahmood said that the Government of Pakistan (GOP) agreed that this opening session of the HRC should focus on procedural, not substantive, issues. (Ref B)
He took the Ambassador's point that OIC-initiated resolutions and debate targeting Israel would disrupt the HRC session, dragging this new fora back into the quagmire that discredited the Commission on Human Rights. Mahmood said that he would share the Ambassador's message immediately with Foreign Minister Kasuri, who is already in Baku at the OIC Ministerial.

[1](#)2. (C) Comment: Pakistan serves as the OIC representative in Geneva and has often cited its obligation to represent the OIC consensus, rather than its national position, when confronted with its unhelpful actions on matters involving Israel. Now that it is a member of the HRC, Pakistan has a strong national interest in ensuring that this initial session gets off to a good start, perhaps strong enough to prompt the GOP to take greater efforts to exert a moderating influence over more vehement OIC members. End comment.
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